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## IN MEMORIAM

## ROBERT PATTON

*Robert Patton died in Jasper, January 29, 1964. Mr. Patton assisted in the organization of the East Texas Historical Association in October, 1961, and served the organization in its first year as Vice-President. He was interested in the history of Jasper County and of East Texas.*

*Mr. Patton served his community and his country with distinction. He became an army lieutenant in World War I, and was cited for outstanding service by the American Red Cross during World War II. He also served as a member of the Selective Service Board. He was a member of the Texas Legislature from 1953 to 1957, and was appointed acting postmaster in Jasper in 1961 and served two years.*

*Mr. Patton was a Mason; a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee; the American Legion; Jasper County Historical Survey Committee; Texas Forestry Association; and a member of the First Baptist Church of Jasper.*

*The Jasper News-Boy's editorial stated: "Bob Patton was a good man. And he was good for the people around him. He liked people, and they liked him. He had an enthusiasm for the glory of the past, for the joy of the present and for the promise of the future."*

*Mr. Patton received a bachelor of arts degree from Rice University in 1920.*

*The following resolution was adopted at a called meeting of the Directors and Editorial Board of the East Texas Historical Association:*

*Be it resolved by the Board of Directors and the Editorial Board of the East Texas Historical Association, in meeting assembled that we express this sorrowful memorial of our deceased Charter Member and Vice-President of this association, Robert Patton. We mourn his passing and loss of his services for it was his unflinching interest in this association and his zeal in securing members that gave our association its initial impetus. He will be sadly missed from our roster and we direct that this resolution of our sorrow be described in the minutes of this association and published in the Journal as a memorial to his contribution unanimously done on this the 8th of February, 1964.*